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IN cold hard facts Australia were defeated by two clear goals in the final international match against Greece at Olympic Park last Sunday.

For 15 minutes there was little to choose between the teams. One early move, when Abonyi and Warren combined for the latter to cross a fine low ball, should have produced a goal.

The Greeks improved and displayed speed, tenacity and fine footwork.

Unfortunately they also employed tactics which upset a number of Australian players. Shirt pulling, arm holding, and ankle tapping were overdone and unnecessary. It ended with Sarafis having his name taken by referee Dobinson of Queensland.

Both goals were the result of defensive errors.

In the 22nd minute Watkiss headed the ball out to the feet of sharp-shooting forward Dedes. He promptly left Corry helpless with a fine drive.

Five minutes after the interval Papaloannou let go a fierce drive from 30 yards.

Corry had come well out of goal and was caught in two minds. He appeared to make a half-hearted attempt to pull the ball down. As a result it spun from his groping fingers, dropped behind him and bounced into the net.

As the game progressed Greece improved as Australia faded.

H. Intzoglou, Spiridon and Toskas were outstanding in a speedy, compact and first-time defence.

Australia's forwards never gained the upper hand, and it is a measure of the ability of the Greek defence that the home forwards took 65 minutes for the first real shot at goal.

This was a 25-yard oblique dive from Baartz, which brought the best out of Christofi in deflecting the ball for a corner kick.

Baartz again went close with a header from McColl's kick.

Australia looked a thoroughly jaded and tired team, and their performance did not compare with the displays put on in Sydney and Brisbane.

Practically all the boys had played four matches in eight days, which is too much for part-time professionals.

Club commitments are understandable, but if the international image of Australian soccer is to be promoted as it should be, clubs must make sacrifices.

Only success at international level will make soccer truly acceptable to Australians.

The Greeks, superior in all departments on Sunday, are not a great side.

I think a fresh and fit Victoria may well surprise them.

Several of the Greek players took the eye. Dedes is a great opportunist, Toshas had phenomenal energy and played a great game.

Kritikopoulos disposed of the ball well and kept Marnoch at full strength. Papaloannou showed the stamp of class when he came on for the second half, and Karafeskos shot with great power.

Australia tried, and failed, to match their opponents with close passing.

Had they moved the ball faster, used the long ball more frequently, and had that extra yard of speed which tired players lack, they may well have pulled the game out of the fire.

Lloyd, who had played well, was replaced by Walsh, who demonstrated good distribution.

It was a blow to Australia when Ackerley's leg gave out, for Rice had to come on as substitute at a time when Alston or Manuel would have pepped up the forward line if either could have joined in.

McColl was the best forward. He ran himself into the ground, but it was not Australia's day.

Coach Joe Vlasits said

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VICTORIANS FACE A BIG TEST

NOW that the three international games with the Greeks are over, the big talking point here is "How will Victoria go against the tourists at Olympic Park on August 10?"

The squad is preparing for the clash with training sessions each Wednesday night at Olympic Park under coach Zvonimir Rasic and team manager John Barclay.

Last night the State men played a practice game against George Cross, and next Wednesday they will tackle a Metropolitan League eleven.

Latest addition to the line-up is Melbourne centre half Alistair Scott. The full list is:—

Reilly (Juventus), Kastner (G. Cross), Utjesenovic (J.U.S.T.), Kelly (Hellas), Scott (Melbourne), Thomson (Ringwood), Rice (J.U.S.T.), Micic (J.U.S.T.), Rooney (Lions), Vojtek (Croatia), McColl (Juventus), Spiekerman (Ringwood), Smart (Lions), Gorrie (Hellas), Jim Mackay (Croatia).

Rasic watched the Australia-Greece game last Sunday to pick up a few tips on the opposition.

"They were impressive in defence and looked very fit. They were faster to the ball than our boys," he said.

"I thought Kritikopoulos, the centre-forward, and Haitas, the left-half, were very good. Papaloannou, who came on in the second half, was dangerous near goal."

Reception for team

QANTAS, who flew the Greek team into Australia, gave a reception for the tourists at Qantas House, Collins St., last Thursday.

The Greek players and officials and the Greek Consul, Mr. C. A. Lyberopoulous, enjoyed themselves in a friendly atmosphere.

Australian officials present were team manager John Barclay, coach Joe Vlasits, medical officer Dr. Brian Corrigan and masseur Lou Lazzari.

VSF officials included president Theo Marmaras, chairman Mike Weinstein and secretary Len Willmer.

Qantas officials were manager John Rowe, sales managers Des Leggett and Ron Estella, soccer representative Colin Tuffield and Greek booking officer Dino Frantzeskakis.

Help for Nicolas...

GREEK goalie Nicolas Christidis, stripped of his shirt by excited fans, is escorted to the safety of the dressing rooms by a formidable array of police after Sunday's game at Olympic Park.

Sorry about that, Greece

By ALEX BARR

APOLOGIES to the visiting Greek team. You have been ignored by Melbourne's mass media and only The Herald has given reasonable coverage of your activities.

It is not that radio and television stations have anything against Greeks. Indeed, they are happy that all the newly settled Greeks and other migrants watch and listen to their programs and buy the sponsors' products. The Australian Government also like you and spend taxpayers' money in trying to attract your countrymen to come to this country.

We know you were powerful allies in the 1939-45 World War. Our soldiers remember your gallantry, and many of them owe you their lives. You trade with us, we enjoy good diplomatic relations, we want you as friends.

You could so easily have returned to your homeland with glowing reports of how you were lauded, feted and made feel at home. You could have told about your television appearances and radio interviews and shown off all the pictures taken down under.

You could have supported the Aussie myth that everyone "gets a fair go." You could have shown in print and word and picture that in this democracy fair play is a way of life. That we are, pro rata, the greatest lovers of sport in the world. That we value tremendously our place on the international sporting arenas of the world.

Most Australians would have liked that, but most sporting editors found you to be undesirable and unworthy of valuable space in their columns and in their air time because you play soccer.

After all, on the eve of the second test in Brisbane, world - shattering sporting stories had to have priority. "A women's lacrosse team may tour overseas next year." "New Zealand playing against an English county team at cricket" and a second-rate golf tournament played in the far north had to be covered.

To rub salt in the wounds The Age ran a story which spilled on to two pages exhorting "We must sell our game to the youth of the country." This despite the welter of publicity the Australian Rules code gets in the mass media.

This odd mixture "Aussie Rules," which has pinched every part of its format from other games, is the vehicle of propaganda unequalled since Herr Goebells convinced 50 million Germans that they could conquer the world.

The public are brainwashed into believing the Australian code to be the greatest game in the world.

From time to time the mass media gleefully announce the code will become international. So a group of players take off for Ireland and the U.K. to play Gaelic football, one of the numerous games incorporated into the hotch potch, mobile wrestling called Aussie Rules.

At the end of the season clubs take off for other lands where they announce they will establish the game and become international. They have a lovely holiday and the game

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Coburg move for $30,000 ground

First Division side Coburg, one of Victoria's oldest affilated clubs, are set to move to a new ground as part of a long-term plan to win promotion to the State League.

It will be at Esselmont Reserve, close to Pascoe Vale Station, and will be fully enclosed. The club hopes to have exclusive use of it.

It is estimated that the cost of the new ground, including dressing rooms, referees' quarters and pavilion, would be about $30,000. This would be shared by the club and the Coburg Council.

The Coburg club at present uses the Cole Reserve, where it shares facilities with footy and baseball teams.

The Coburg Council is very sport-minded and the first moves in the ambitious new plan came when club president Tommy Walker and secretary Johnny Scott had talks with Council officials, who were very sympathetic.

Mr. Walker said: "The Council officials asked us if we were interested in the ground and we jumped at the chance.

"We have put our bid in writing and the next step is to submit plans for the various buildings".

Coburg, a go-ahead outfit, erected the club-room on their present ground themselves and also provided floodlights for training.

Said Mr. Walker: "It took club members about three months to erect the building, often working at night under lights. The Council were very helpful.

"We did all the hard work and now we have to share the facilities. We feel we could do better if we were on our own.

"With our own ground we reckon we could have a crowd of 400 or more at our games, so we are losing plenty of cash each week under the present set-up at Cole Reserve, which is not enclosed".

Among the hard working Coburg officials are the ladies' committee, headed by Mrs. Sheila Bolton the president. Others are Mrs. Myrtle Clements, secretary, Mrs. Muriel McAdam, treasurer, and Mrs. Mildred Malcolm.

The ladies run the social side of things and also help to raise cash for the club.

As one male official put it: "They are always here, rain or shine".

New men for Cross

George Cross, now intent on clinching a place in the top eight and next year's Night Cup, will have two more new men in action soon.

The newcomers are Kevin Walker, 23, an inside or outside left, and Derek Ricks, 21, a centre-half.

Both men played with English League sides, Walker with Darlington and Ricks with Barnsley. Last season Walker notched 35 goals.

While building up the first team Cross are not forgetting the juniors.

This week the club was proud when told that five of their youngsters had been included in the provisional Under-16 Victorian squad of 30.

The boys are C. Deguara, B. De Bruyckere, P. Cutujar, P. Ferrante and B. Kastner.

Plans for the club's Malta National Day ball at the Royal Ballroom on September 5 are well in hand. Two bands will play for dancing from 7.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m.

Tickets can be obtained from any member of the committee.

Billy is among the goals

English amateur side Whitley Bay have a heavy-weight centre-forward who rejoices in the name of Billy Wright.

Oviously, he's not THE Billy Wright, but he's probably one of the greatest goal-scorers the amateur code has ever known.

In over 250 games he has a goal average of almost one a match!

Billy, 6 ft. 2 in. and built like a boxer, is a crane slinger.

Greece goalie Nicolas Christidis leaps to intercept the ball as Australian forward Ray Baartz rushes in. Behind is Australia's forward Tommy McColl.

OTTIE COMES BACK

Back in his old stamping grounds last week was former Melbourne star forward Ottie Abonyi, who moved to St. George Budapest in Sydney last year.

He was here with the national team for the big game with Greece, following the two earlier clashes in Sydney and Brisbane.

Ottie lined up against the tourists on Sunday at Olympic Park, the scene of many of his triumphs when in Victoria.

And, before the game, he was really at home when the Australian squad had training work-outs at the St. Kilda ground, the headquarters of Ottie's former club.

Ottie, one of Australia's leading forwards and top soccer on the triumphant Asia tour in 1967, is going well in Sydney soccer.

"I think the game is harder and faster is Sydney," he said, "and you have to be really fit. This, in turn, leads to a higher standard.

"But I often think back to my days with the Melbourne club, and I am grateful to all the people who backed me as a youngster and helped to put me where I am now."

Ottie was impressed with the standard of the Greek team in the three international games.

"There has been a lot of talk about this not being the full side," he said, "but as far as we are concerned this is the team sent out here by the Greek Government, so that means it is the current Greek national team.

"It is still a very good side, and we are delighted at drawing the series with them. It represents a big boost for the Australian game."

REFEREE FIASCO..

Lou was kept "in the dark"

Victorian referee Lou Stafrace, the man replaced at the last minute for the first international match with Greece in Sydney last week, this week told his story to Soccer News.

This is what Lou, a top whistle man here for the past 10 years and now on the F.I.F.A. list, had to say:

"When I arrived in Sydney on the Friday night before the game I was first met by Tony Boskovic, the man who replaced me, and two other referees. Nothing was said about the switch.

"When I got to my motel a reporter and photographer were waiting for me.

"They said: 'Have you heard? You will not be refereeing the game.'

"It was the first I had heard of the matter. The pressmen told me the ASF had ordered the switch after a request by the Greeks.

"I told them that the ASF might have let me know before I left. I was available on the phone in Melbourne until 5.30 p.m. on the Friday.

"I later met Alan Halls, president of the N.S.W. referees' body. He, too, told me the Greeks wanted a change in officials.

"I was not approached by any ASF officials at any time during the weekend and was not asked to run the line. I was given a ticket to watch the game from the stand.

"I did receive payment for the game. The money was given to me by Boskovic, but, of course, he refereed the match.

"I went to the ASF offices on the Saturday, but could not find the secretary, Mr. Le Fevre, or other officials. I returned home on the Monday. Nobody had spoken to me on the issue.

"Since my return I have had a letter from Mr. Le Fevre in which he expressed disgust and apologised for what had happened. He also referred to the Greek request for a change.

"I have now been appointed to referee the game between the Greeks and N.S.W., and, despite what has happened, I will do it."

This is Lou Stafrace's sorry story. Victorian officials and fans are still waiting to hear from the ASF why such a disgusting thing was allowed to happen.

SORRY, GREECE

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stays within the confines of the southern States.

It is not only soccer which suffers at the hands of the people who decide what we will read, see and hear. Woman athletes get a raw deal until they win gold medals at the Olympics. Then, and only then, do they hit the headlines.

Rugby Union: No dice until they win honor in international matches; even then recognition is given grudgingly. Tennis: O.K. if Australia is well placed in the Davis Cup, or if an Australian wins Wimbledon, and so on.

But soccer is strictly taboo. Maybe the theory is based on the thinking of an ostrich. Maybe if these sporting editors bury their heads the game will disappear. Maybe!

Time alone will tell the story. Man has conquered the moon. Soccer has conquered the world, with F.I.F.A. membership standing at 131 countries. All the Melbourne soccer public can say is we are sorry, we are too apathetic to take on the press, radio and television, we are weak in moral courage to fight for fair play.

We know public opinion carries some weight, but we do nothing. We don't make it clear that we are a vital part of the community, that soccer will, eventually, despite the lack of mass media support, put Australia right on the map on the major sporting calendars of the world.

It's a young man's game

SOCCER is steadily becoming a younger man's game, according to Stuart Williams, trainer of top English outfit West Brom.

He says: "It used to be that, at 27, you could count on your six best years ahead. And perhaps two more before quitting.

"Not any more. Soon to play in the top flight after 30 will be a considerable achievement. The teenagers are taking over."

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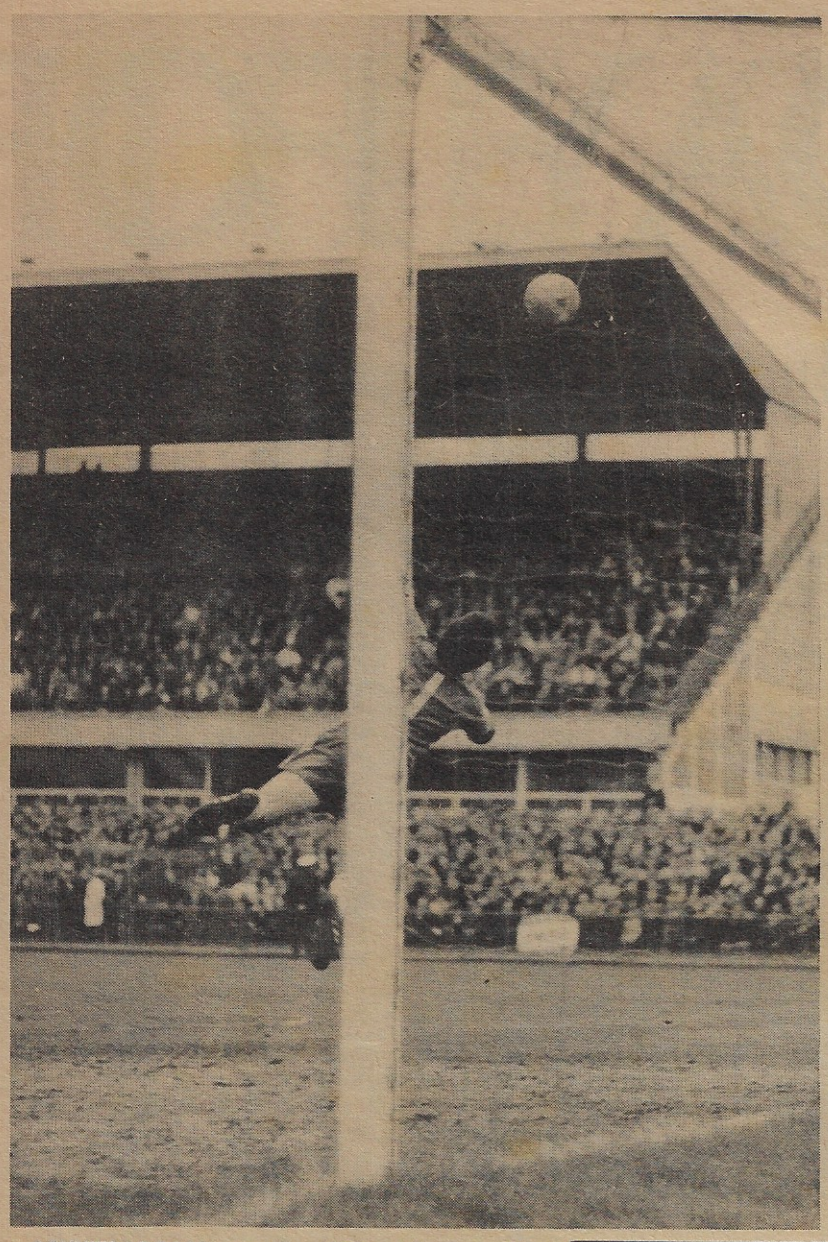

AUSTRALIAN goalie Ron Corry flies across his goal as the ball goes over the bar in the game against Greece on Sunday.

Upset

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after the game that he was happy with the outcome of the series. He was proud of the way every member of the squad had behaved, and particularly of the wonderful efforts of his boys in Sydney and Brisbane.

He agreed that four games and thousands of miles of travel in eight days was too much for them.

He has confidence in them for the World Cup series, but will watch each State game against the Greeks for likely additions to the squad.

For Victorian soccer followers the game was something of a disappointment. It was, however, understandable when all facts were known.

Don't write the boys off; they will bring further glory to Australian soccer.

AUSTRALIA 0, GREECE 2 (Dedes, Papaioannou). Referee, Mr. V. Dobinson. Olympic Park. Crowd, 24,415.

Teams—**Australia:** Corry, Schaeffer, Ackerley, Watkiss, Marnoch, Lloyd, Voster, Abonyi, Warren, Baartz and McColl. Walsh replaced Ackerley after 57 minutes. Rice replaced Ackerley after 65 minutes. **Greece:** Christidis, A. Intzoglou, Spiridon, Toskas, H. Intzoglou, Karafeskos, Sarafis, Hatzioanoglou, Haitas, Kritikopoulos and Dedes. Aidiniou replaced Hatzioanoglou after 44 minutes. Papaioannou replaced Dedes for the second half.

These were the after-match quotes by Australian officials after Sunday's big game with Greece:—

Coach Joe Vlasits: "The Greeks definitely had the edge this time. They were faster to the ball and had us beaten for ball control and tactics.

"But I think it is fair to point out that this was our fourth game in eight days, which is far too much for our standard of soccer.

"Several of our boys were injured when playing in club games last Sunday after our win in the first game.

"I would like to say I am proud of the whole squad of 22 men, not only those who played. They are a good bunch of fighters."

Team manager John Barclay: "There is no doubt about it. We were beeaten by the better team on the day. But don't forget we drew the series against players who are with top clubs back home, so that's pretty good going."

Skipper Johnny Warren: "We were definitely jaded following a hard week, but I'm not making excuses. They played better than us today and deserved to win."

The Greek officials were not available for comment.

Transfer for Bill

Billy Houghton, the full-back suspended by Ipswich in England because he failed to report back after training may get his wish for a transfer — to Leicester City.

Leicestesr manager Frank O'Farrell plans to contact Ipswich about Houghton, who has moved back to Yorkshire.

Luton manager Alec Stock may make a fresh attempt to sign inside-forward John Collins from Reading.

CLOSE CHECK

Wolves are keeping a close check on the position regarding Colin Viljoen, the midfield man Ipswich left off their tour to Canada because he was late reporting back for training after a holiday in South Africa.

...and back on the home front

WHO CAN TOPPLE RACY RINGWOOD?

BY GEORGE YELLAND Brighton Under 16s

Following a blank weekend due to the Australia - Greece international, the State League battle will resume with six important games this weekend. Far from being dead, interest is high and competition is hotting up.

Each team which meets Ringwood will be flat out to down them, and crowd-pleasing battles are certain.

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At the other end, Box Hill will throw in everything in an attempt to avert relegation.

George Cross, Port Melbourne, Polonia and Melbourne will be locked in desperate battles for the eighth position which ensures inclusion in the night series.

Juventus, Footscray, Lions and Croatia, with South Melbourne Hellas, an outside chance, will be struggling for the three positions left to complete the top four who will compete in the new end-of-season competition.

Ringwood City Wilhelmina, with the championship in their grasp, will be keen to avoid any slip. Support for this talented combination has never been greater in the eastern suburbs.

A delightful afternoon's entertainment under ideal soccer conditions is assured all who visit Jubilee Park, surely the best appointed soccer ground in Australia.

At Maribyrnong next Saturday Lions will provide stirring opposition for the rapidly improving Polonia. Both sides will be in peak form following a week's rest and a great battle is certain.

Lions' forward line is more skilful than the home team's, but Polonia have improved in penetration since the arrival of Molloy and Closs in attack. Miller's experience in building attacks has been a feature of their improved fortunes.

Siwka is responding to the promptings of the new men and becoming a more than useful spearhead.

Czapnik is a young player with tremendous promise. He has natural talent and gives 90 minutes of all-out effort.

In goal Litwin has given confidence and stability with his faultless displays.

Key defence man Zurawski is a cool, reliable pivot. Strong in defence, he opens up the game for his attack and is a model of accuracy in distribution of the ball.

Lions have repeatedly demonstrated to soccer followers that they are one of Victoria's stronger sides. Well balanced, forceful and direct, they have upset many top teams. Keen to prove themselves second to none they pile on pressure from the word go.

Rooney and Smart are two of the State's most capable forwards. Roseweir has matured into a first-class full-back. Gerry Murney, equally at home in the half-back line or up forward, is a key figure in the side. Colin Horner, the team's opportunist, improves with each game.

On form the visitors should win, but Polonia's new-found form, which gave them victory over top sides Ringwood and Juventus, makes this a danger game for Lions.

I think a draw will be the final outcome.

Saturday's second game will be at Murphy Reserve, where Port Melbourne Slavia face Croatia.

The home side have disappointed this season. On paper they appear one of our strongest teams. In practice they fail repeatedly. Too much is left to Butler in attack, and frequent team changes do not lead to stability.

Croatia have been somewhat unpredictable. At times they played without spirit and lost games which should have been won.

In their last game against Juventus it seemed that another ignominious defeat faced Croatia when they suddenly clicked.

If they reproduce this form they will have no difficulty in downing the opposition.

Saturday's third encounter brings League leaders Ringwood City to St. Kilda, where they will face Melbourne's youthful team.

Melbourne show signs of improvement under the astute guidance of coach Jimmy Adam.

Their recent victory over Croatia and rather fortunate draw at Footscray demonstrate a steadier and more determined approach.

Rogers and Horsfall are the danger men in attack, with new State squad pivot Alistair Scott returning to top form.

In spite of all this, Ringwood's all-round strength and ability will be too much for the St. Kilda boys.

Spiekerman, Atkins and Edgley are formidable attackers. Pygall is the mainspring behind them and Thomson is the complete general in defence.

Van Egmond in goal is outstanding. His anticipation and agility are astounding. He is one of our most accomplished 'keepers.

It all adds up to another two points and a firmer grip on the championship for Ringwood.

Three torrid battles are scheduled for Sunday.

In the Middle Park derby Hakoah should account for out-of-form South Melbourne Hellas.

In Henderson, O'Neill, Stenhouse and Armstrong Hakoah possess men of experience and ability who should be match winners.

With more support Armstrong would be amongst the leading goal scorers.

O'Neill is a top-class stopper and makes opposing attacks earn goals the hard way.

Hellas have many players of considerable ability, but they are not playing as a team.

The great need for South Melbourne is a return of early-season team spirit and fire. In players like Gorrie, Ackerley, Damianakos, Kelly and High they have the talent.

Juventus and Footscray J.U.S.T. always put on a torrid, crowd-pleasing battle, and Sunday's Olympic Park encounter will be no exception.

Juventus have imported many new players and have struggled to second position on the ladder. It is ironic that most of their goals have come from local produced Dino De Marchi.

Reilly has proved a great acquisition in goal, with Irvine at No. 5 a stopper in the classic mold.

Footscray are the best ball players in the League, but fritter away scoring chances with too much tip-tapping in front of goal.

Outstanding ball artist Branko Buljevic is a marked man now. With other forwards not taking enough weight from him he is often blanketed out of the game.

Billy Rice is steady and reliable as always, with Utjesnevic and Rusmir polished full-backs.

The game could go either way, but it is so finely balanced that I think the final whistle will see a division of points.

Luckless Box Hill meet a vastly improved George Cross at Wembley Park for the third Sunday game.

Box Hill are game and have displayed monumental guts and determination.

Coles has been a consistent goal scorer and Brown, Young and Brownlie a solid half-back line.

Many times the breaks have gone against the Hillmen. An extraordinary number of games have been lost by the odd goal.

George Cross will show them little mercy and should emerge clear winners. It would, however, be dangerous to approach this game lightly.

TRIBUNAL FARCE!

What is going on in the State League Disciplinary Committee?

We get plenty of decisions strange to soccer, but the latest makes a laughing stock of the international game in Australia.

Lions' forward Jimmy Smart was sent off by referee George Pedlar recently for swearing, his second offence within weeks.

Under soccer law, he was guilty because he was sent off. But on the day of the disciplinary hearing another Lions player, Tommy Roseweir, turned up, claimed he was the guilty party and was fined $10.

Smart, the man sent off in full view of everybody, did not front up. The committee was told he had influenza.

A man who, as far as the referee was concerned, was not involved in the incident was accepted as the guilty one by the disciplinary committee and dealt with.

What a farce. How can a respectable committee act in this way? How can they accept a man who was not even named by the referee and fine him?

And did anyone ask about Smart, the man named in the referees' report?

By its decision the committee is saying, in effect, that referee Pedlar, who is president of the Australian Referees' Federation, doesn't know which man he sent off. It is too ridiculous for words.

Pedlar had no doubts. He said: "I definitey sent off Smart. I warned him once and he repeated the offence".

This whole affair is scandalous — almost unbelievable. The powers that be in Victorian Soccer should look into the matter — NOW.

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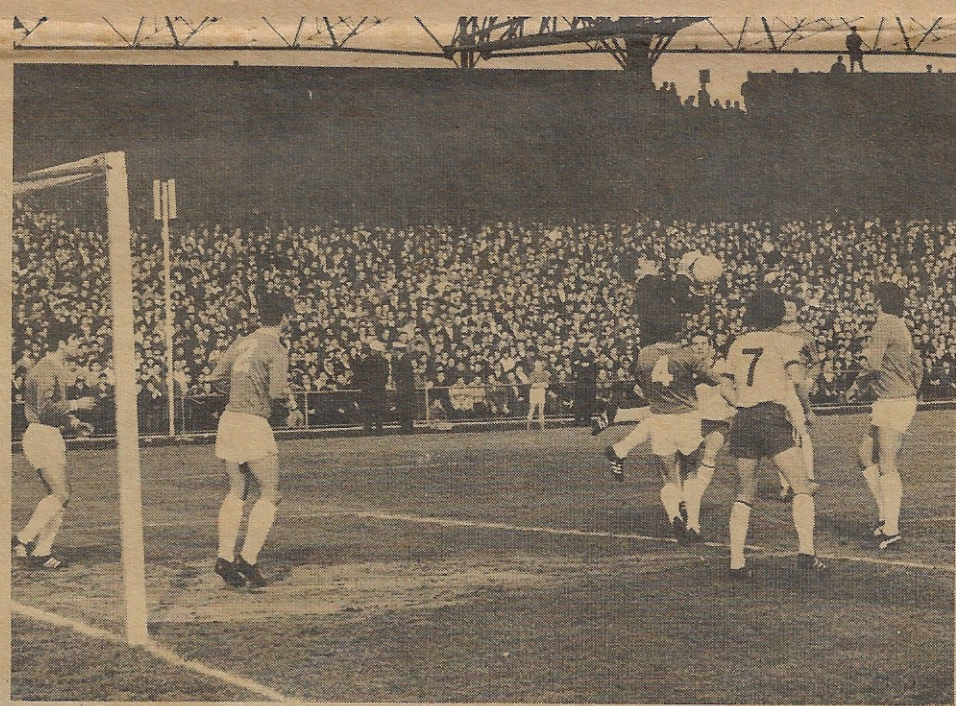
Players of both sides, and the referee and linesmen, line up for presentations before the Third International match between Australia and Greece, at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The Victori

Two Greek defenders have a heading duel with Australia's Ray Baartz.



Greek goalie Nicolas Christidis is well out of his goal as he takes the ball. Two defenders back him up. No. 7 is Australia's Tommy McColl.

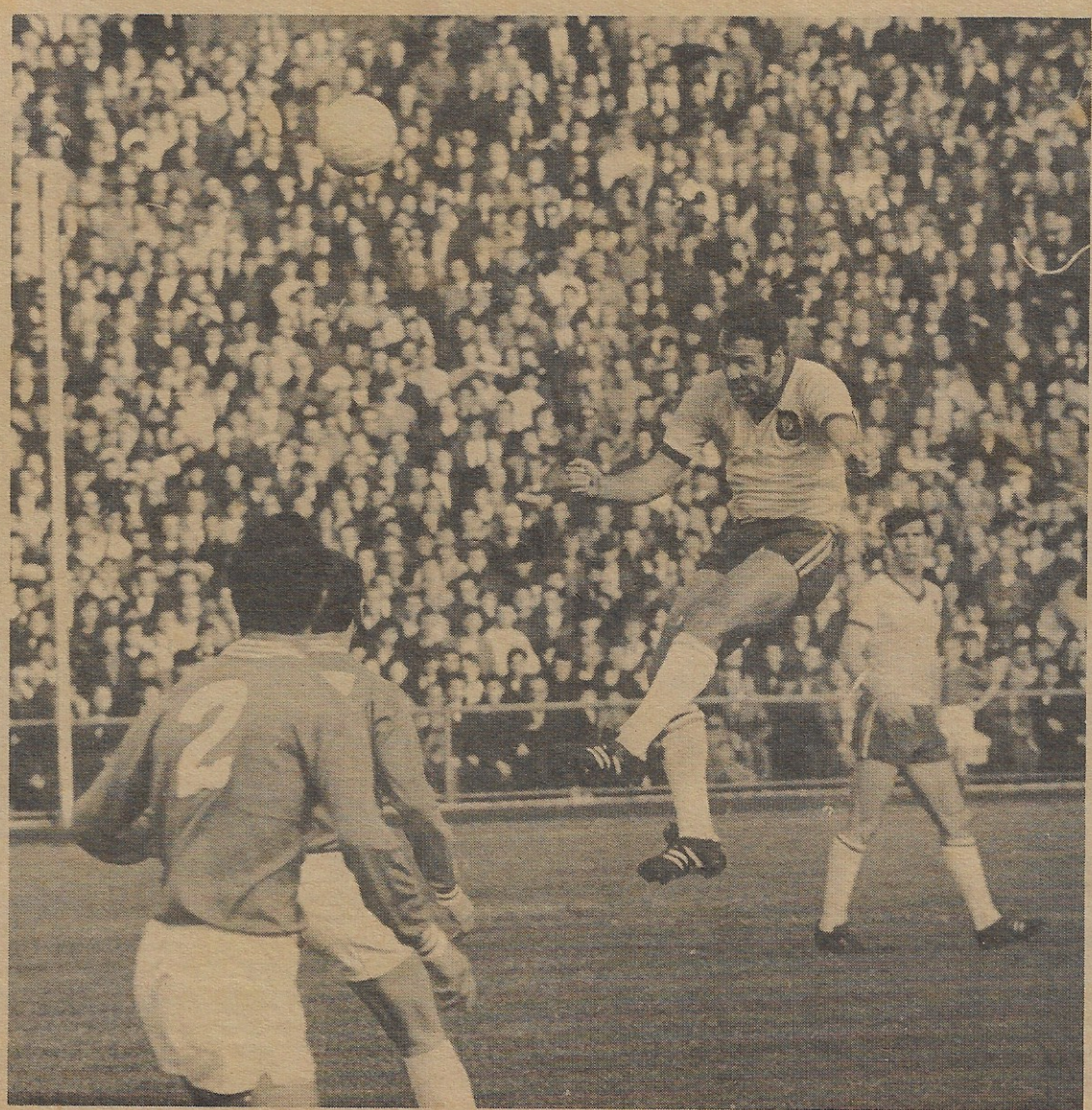
Australian half-back Danny W

Players take a breather as an injured Greek gets attention on the ground.

Greek half-back Dem Toskas (

THE GREEKS

an Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, meets the Greek players before the game.



Australian half-back Ray Lloyd looks fierce as he clears his lines with a header. Behind him is team-mate John Watkiss.

alsh tackles a Greek attacker. At right is Australian forward Billy Vojtek.

Greek centre-forward Kritikopoulos soars above Australian defenders but misses the ball. Also in the picture are Australian half-back Allan Marnoch (No. 4) and forwards Ottie Abonyi (left) and Ray Baartz.

No. 4) and Australia's Ray Baartz (No. 10) watch as Ottie Abonyi (No. 8) wins a header.

Australian defender Allan Marnoch goes up to stem a Greek attack. In the background is referee Vince Dobinson.

JUNIORS GOT A RAW DEAL

By JOHN ROBB

Many soccer fans were surprised and disappointed that only one game was scheduled for Olympic Park last Sunday.

Judging by the comments of dozens of spectators who attended the international test, a junior curtain raiser was expected and would have been greatly appreciated.

Whilst the big crowd enjoyed the excellent pre-match entertainment they were there to see soccer being played. What an opportunity to provide an incentive for kids and to let the fans see the efforts which are being made to establish this great game through its juniors.

A junior game would have whet the appetites and created an excellent atmosphere for the big encounter.

However, the Victorian Federation through their foresight have recognised these facts and have given permission for the all-schools' clash to be played as a curtain raiser before the Victoria v. Greece game.

Mr. Ian Petherick, of the Ardeer Soccer Club, has been appointed to the position of coach of the Under-16 State squad. Mr. Petherick, who has a very successful record of achieving the best from juniors, will commence his duties this Sunday.

Training will commence at 2 p.m. at the South Melbourne Hellas junior ground, Middle Park.

Results:—

U.-10: Karingal A 1, Pines 2; Sunshine Heights B 2, Sunshine City; Karingal B 2, Pines B 0; Sunshine Heights A 3, South Sunshine 2; J.U.S.T. 1, St. Albans 1; Seaford 2, Mornington 1; Frankston City 3, Peninsula 0; Altona 1, Lions 0; Doncaster 2, Croydon 3; Doveton 0, Waverley 3.

U.-12: Diamond Creek 1, Plenty 1; Altona 2 , Lions 0; Karingal A 0, Pines 0; Keilor 0, Sunshine City 4; Karingal B 0, Seaford 1; Corio 2, Werribee 2; J.U.S.T. 3, Melb. A 2; Doncaster A 8, Doncaster B 0; Frankston City 4, Peninsula 0; Croydon 2, Waverley City 6.

U.-14: George Cross 1, Kakoah 1; Austria 13, Melton 0; Karingal 3, Pines 0; Croatia 2, Hellas 1; Corio 2, West Newport 2; Bayswater 11, Mooroolbark 0; Brighton 0, Sandringham 5; Chelsea 13, Mornington 0; J.U.S.T. 5, Melbourne 4; Doveton 7, Waverley 0; Keilor 1, Sunshine City 2.

U.-16: Waverley City 3, Box Hill 2; Croatia 3, Hellas 1; Hakoah 0, George Cross 3; Karingal 4, Pines 5; Bayswater 12, Ringwood United 0; Corio A 2, West Newport 0; Chelsea 1, Doveton 8; Corio B 0, Austria 6; J.U.S.T. 7, Altona 0.

U.-18: Ferntree Gully 4, Clayton 0; George Cross 1, J.U.S.T. 3.

EXCITING FINISH IS LIKELY

By ALISTAIR COOK

WITH Alexander, Keilor City and Dandenong City all earning full points from their First Division games last weekend, the stage is set for an exciting finish to the season.

The Fitzroy side, following their 3-0 win over second bottom side Sunshine, are still two points clear of Keilor, with Dandenong City the same margin further back.

At the bottom of the table either Sunshine City or Coburg United look in danger of joining Maribyrnong Triestina in Second Division next season.

Keilor City's 2-0 win over Elwood Austria proved to be a worthy performance from the leader's main challengers.

The first half produced some fast and entertaining soccer from both sides, and after 30 minutes Keilor took the lead when Wally Klein scored with a good shot on the run.

The retained this lead at half-time, and with Harry Novak, 17, scoring with a chip shot, Keilor took the initiative in the second half to score a comfortable win.

Dandenong City had to fight very hard to score a 2-1 victory over Coburg United.

United, who were weakened in defence by injury, played top forward Bobby Malcolm at centre-half and after 18 minutes' play he gave brother George a great opportunity and the winger made no mistake from close range.

Dandenong fought back determinedly and within 20 minutes they equalised when Peter Lowen headed past Coburg goalkeeper Marlow.

Four minutes later City took the lead when Brian Holcombe crashed home a 15-yard shot after good work by inside right Jepson.

The Coburg side tried hard for an equaliser in a fiery second half, and although they moved Bobby Malcolm back into attack late in the game they could not penetrate the Dandenong defence.

St. Albans gained a valuable point in drawing 1-1 with Ringwood United.

Both sides found the muddy conditions difficult to master, but after 30 minutes Tony Watson cut in from the left wing to score a much needed goal for Ringwood.

Watson missed three great scoring chances for United in the next five minutes, however, and even after the interval St. Albans were hard pushed to hold their one-goal lead.

St. Albans seldom looked like equalising until the dying stages when Spiro Fragopolous picked up the ball in a goal mouth melee to score from point blank range.

Springvale consolidated their middle of the table position with a 2-2 draw with Altona City.

Altona took a surprise lead after only 10 minutes, but Norm Edgar equalised for Springvale in the 20th minute with a fantastic 40-yard shot, which hit the under side of the crossbar before finding the net.

Neither side could get back into the game until late in the second half when Altona regained the lead. But this was short lived for Auke Waaldyck put Springvale back on level terms 10 minutes from the final whistle.

SECOND DIVISION

Frankston City regained the leadership in Second Division with a narrow 1-0 win over Ferntree Gully, which was perhaps one of their worst performances of the season.

George Eadie and Kurt Schroeder were the only Frankston players who showed their best form, and Ferntree Gully had plenty of scoring opportunities, while the City forward line was completely off form.

Twenty minutes after the start Brian Finch scored the vital goal for Frankston when a cross by a winger, Baulk, was set up for him by Dave Morgan.

Richmond jumped back into contention with a 1-0 win over former leaders Green Gully Ajax.

It was a deserved win for Richmond, who with Beinroth and Anstenberger controlling the mid-field, played an effective new defensive system.

They could not score, however, until the 67th minute, when a good cross by Harry Fellheim was headed home in incredible fashion by Manni Kuehn.

Prahran City got back into top gear with a 4-2 win over Park Rangers.

Jacky Gow put Prahran ahead after five minutes, and when Steve Freund increased their lead in the 17th minute City looked like cruising to a sizeable win.

Park Rangers had different ideas and Dennis Gibson reduced the arrears in the 30th minute when he flashed home a 30-yard drive.

The standard of play was high, and with pressure being exerted by the Prahran attack Rangers' full-back Ray Kidd was ordered from the field.

Prahran mounted a full-scale attack and two quick goals from Eric Coombs and captain Bill Radcliffe put them well ahead, although Gibson again scored a great goal for Park Rangers in the closing stages.

THIRD DIVISION

Princes Park Hercules recovered to a one-point lead in Third Division following their 1-0 win over Croydon.

Hercules took the lead midway through the first half when their attack found the opposition defence flat footed, but Croydon only have themselves to blame for they missed several easy scoring chances.

Doug Salt had three difficult chances to equalise for Croydon in the closing moment of the game, but luck wan't with him and Hercules hung on for a narrow win.

St. Kilda remain hot on the heels of the leaders following their crushing 4-0 win over Bayswater. Jobe Klaassen put St. Kilda ahead after only eight minutes and 15 minutes later Hank Myer increased their lead with a great solo effort.

Bayswater had no answer to the penetrative St. Kilda forward line and in the 75th minute Klaassen scored the second of his three goals.

Brighton, after opening up well, scored a valuable 3-1 victory over Chelsea.

A 35-yard free kick by full-back Bobby Evans, and a cross by David Campbell which was headed into the net by a Chelsea defender, gave Brighton a good lead after only five minutes' play.

Jimmy Pirzis increased Brighton's lead before half-time with an intelligently placed chip shot, and Chelsea could make little of the strong defence of Brighton.

East Melbourne Helvetic showed good form in scoring a 3-1 win over Glenroy Unitd.

Walter Kuenen put Helvetic ahead after 17 minutes when he headed home a free kick by Stefan Pest, but Glenroy equalised soon after when their inside left scored with a fine solo effort.

Goals were level at half-time, but another good move by William Pest in the 48th minute found Ted McCormick, who scored easily from 10 yards, and then Kuenen increased their lead 20 minutes later with a 15-yard shot.

FOURTH DIVISION

Western Suburbs retained Four Division leadership with a goal average bursting 16-0 win over the Cinderella side of Victorian soccer, Rosebud.

Rosebud have had an unenviable year this season with their defence conceding 120 goals so far, and their continued existence could be in doubt for the future, at least in the Metropolitan League.

Mooroolbark United also kept in a handy position following an easy 5-0 victory over the other Peninsula side, Mornington.

SELECTIONS

FIRST DIVISION: Coburg v. St. Albans draw, Ringwood United, Keilor City v. Dandenong City draw, Elwood Austria, Springvale and Dandenong.

SECOND DIVISION: Green Gully Ajax, Richmond, Frankston City, Albion Rovers, Prahran City v. Waverley draw, and Yallourn.

THIRD DIVISION: Brighton, Ballarat, Croydon, Princes Park Hercules, St. Kilda and East Melbourne Helvetic.

FOURTH DIVISION: Doncaster Rovers, Newport, Eltham, Western Suburbs, Mooroolbark United and Mornington.

The Metropolitan League management committee has given the go-ahead for the formation of a squad from all four Divisions.

The squad will be coached by former Dutch International Sjel Ve Bruykere and it will have its first training run this Sunday.

The nominated players from each club are asked to meet at the Olympic Velodrame at 10 a.m. It is hoped that a practice match could be arranged for this coming Wednesday night with the Victorian State squad.

MOVES TO REVIVE ELEVEN

AFTER a break of about 15 years the first moves have been taken to revive the Metro League representative eleven.

Len Schembri, vice-president of Albion Rovers, has been appointed manager of the squad. The coach will be former George Cross man Mike De Bruyckere.

The pair are busy hunting for likely players and expect to name a squad this weekend.

Schembri has written to all Metro clubs asking them to recommend players who they think rate a trial. Already several clubs have replied. The first training session is planned for next Sunday.

Said Schembri: "All players who have been nominated by their clubs should meet outside the Velodrome at 10 a.m. next Sunday, August 3.

"After sorting ourselves out we want to get down to training because we will be playing a practice game against the State team at Olympic Park the following Wednesday.

"When we get organised we hope to play games in the Latrobe Valley, the North-Eastern area and Ballarat and Geelong and other country areas. The aim is to foster the game at lower levels.

"And, one day, we hope to get one or even two of our best men into the Victorian squad. This should be a big incentive for players.

"When we last had a Metro squad they provided good opposition for the State team. Today's players should do even better."

Tip as star

WATFORD manager Ken Furphy has an eye for talent and his tip for stardom is Mike Rogan, the Workington goalie.

Says Furphy: "I rate this youngster one of the most improved in the League.

"I signed him for Workington when I was manager there and in the last year or so he has made the breakthrough.

"Mike has all the attributes to become a top man between the sticks."

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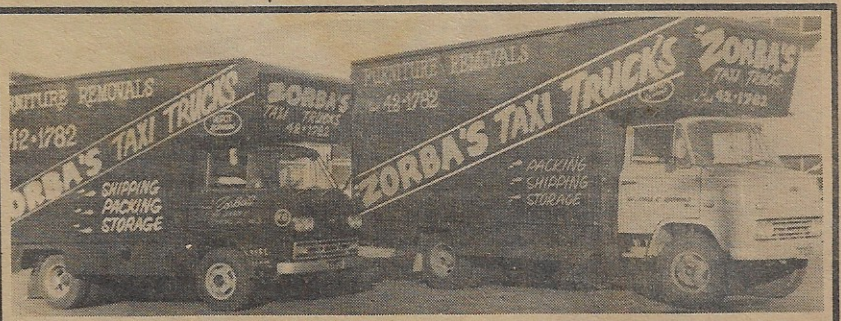

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METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Fitzroy Utd. Alexander	17	12	4	1	37	13	28
Keilor City	17	12	2	3	48	19	26
Dandenong City	17	10	4	3	42	21	24
Elwood Austria	17	10	1	6	31	23	21
Ringwood United	17	7	6	4	36	30	20
Springvale	17	5	5	7	26	26	15
St. Albans	17	7	1	9	25	32	15
Preston Makedonia	17	5	4	8	25	29	14
Altona	17	4	5	8	20	30	13
Coburg	17	4	4	9	32	41	12
Sunshine City	17	4	3	10	29	36	11
Maribyrnong Triestina	17	1	3	13	11	67	5

DIVISION TWO

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Frankston City 25	17	11	2	4	37	22	24
Green Gully Ajax 23	17	11	1	5	36	18	23
Richmond 23	16	10	2	4	35	23	22
Brunswick Athena 23	17	8	6	3	35	26	22
Yallourn 23	17	9	3	5	38	24	21
Prahran City 23	17	9	3	5	38	26	21
Albion Rovers 21	17	9	3	5	30	22	21
Waverley 19	16	9	1	6	33	25	19
Moreland Thistle 11	17	4	2	11	20	37	10
Sandringham 11	17	4	1	12	17	34	9
Ferntree Gully 10	17	4	0	13	21	44	8
Park Rangers 2	17	0	2	15	12	51	2

DIVISION THREE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Princes Park Hercules	17	10	5	2	31	15	25
St. Kilda	17	10	4	3	52	29	24
Brighton	17	9	5	3	32	18	23
Croydon	17	10	3	4	42	30	23
Ballarat	17	9	4	4	32	20	22
East Melb. Helvetic	17	8	4	5	34	24	20
Bayswater	17	7	1	9	41	40	15
Heidelberg	17	6	2	9	31	37	14
Clayton	17	3	6	8	26	37	12
Chelsea	17	5	2	10	24	36	12
Glenroy	17	4	1	12	18	50	9
Uni. of Melbourne	17	0	5	12	19	46	5

DIVISION FOUR

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Western Suburbs ICI	17	13	2	2	61	17	28
Mooroolbark	16	13	1	2	57	11	27
Newport	17	12	1	4	53	18	25
Doncaster Rovers	17	9	2	6	43	21	20
Monash University	16	8	4	4	36	27	20
Corio	17	8	3	6	44	25	19
North Carlton Olympic	17	6	5	6	42	38	17
Eltham	17	7	0	10	37	43	14
South Yarra	17	5	3	9	30	44	13
Moorabbin	17	3	3	11	22	33	9
Mornington	17	3	2	12	20	55	8
Rosebud	17	1	0	16	7	120	2

DIVISION ONE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Keilor City	17	15	1	1	73	18	31
Sunshine City	17	12	1	4	37	25	25
Ringwood United	17	11	1	5	51	28	23
Elwood Austria	17	8	3	6	43	26	19
Altona	16	9	1	6	33	25	19
Coburg	16	6	5	5	27	26	17
Dandenong City	17	5	6	6	38	28	16
Springvale	16	5	5	6	31	34	15
St. Albans	16	5	2	9	18	35	12
Fitzroy Utd. Alexander	17	3	4	10	23	38	10
Preston Makedonia	17	2	5	10	24	45	9
Maribyrnong Triestina	17	2	0	15	13	83	4

DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Albion Rovers	17	13	1	3	44	15	27
Waverley	17	11	4	2	48	12	26
Yallourn	17	11	1	5	49	26	23
Frankston	17	9	3	5	51	28	21
Richmond	17	9	3	5	27	20	21
Prahran	17	6	5	6	39	26	17
Park Rangers	17	6	5	6	22	30	17
Moreland Thistle	17	5	3	9	22	38	13
Green Gully Ajax	17	5	2	10	26	41	12
Ferntree Gully	17	4	2	11	21	33	10
Sandringham	17	3	4	10	16	49	10
Brunswick Athena	17	2	3	12	15	62	7

DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Clayton	17	12	1	4	56	21	25
Bayswater	17	11	2	4	47	32	24
Princes Park Hercules	16	11	1	4	42	33	23
Brighton	17	10	2	5	45	26	22
Croydon	17	10	2	5	46	35	22
University of Melb.	16	8	4	4	36	24	20
Heidelberg	17	6	5	6	32	31	17
Glenroy	17	6	2	9	31	38	14
East Melb. Helvetic	17	5	3	9	31	42	13
Chelsea	17	5	3	9	24	32	13
St. Kilda	17	1	4	12	24	52	6
Ballarat	17	0	3	14	18	66	3

DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Mooroolbark	17	17	0	0	103	8	34
Newport	17	12	3	2	74	21	27
North Carlton Olympic	17	12	0	5	47	26	24
Western Suburbs ICI	17	9	3	5	59	33	21
Corio	17	9	3	5	43	28	21
South Yarra	17	8	3	6	47	37	19
Doncaster Rovers	17	7	3	7	53	47	17
Monash University	17	8	1	8	30	42	17
Moorabbin	17	4	3	10	31	58	11
Mornington	17	3	1	13	23	63	7
Eltham	17	2	0	15	25	92	4
Rosebud	17	1	0	16	16	93	2

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Central Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Anstey	14	9	3	2	45	16	21
Fitzroy	14	9	2	3	50	17	20
Fawkner	13	8	4	1	30	18	20
Keon Park	14	8	3	3	39	12	19
Elsternwick	12	7	3	2	33	15	17
West Preston	14	6	0	8	40	26	12
Regent	12	4	3	5	28	29	11
Middle Park	12	4	0	8	26	24	8
Lorimer United	14	1	0	13	9	16	2
Diamond Creek	13	1	0	12	6	133	2

Western Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Kingsville	13	11	1	1	61	16	23
Ardeer	14	9	3	2	30	14	21
Garden City	12	9	1	2	33	17	19
East Carlton	13	6	2	5	20	23	14
Melton	13	6	1	6	33	34	13
Pascoe Vale	12	5	0	7	28	25	10
North Sunshine	13	5	0	8	18	29	10
North Altona	13	4	1	8	17	44	9
Yarraville	13	3	0	10	20	39	6
Carlton	12	0	3	9	14	33	3

Eastern Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Chadstone	13	9	3	1	61	14	21
Oakleigh	12	8	2	2	34	18	18
Northcote City	11	8	1	2	32	15	17
Langwarrin	12	7	2	3	56	19	16
Frankston Pines	11	6	2	3	37	15	14
Hawksburn	13	6	2	5	39	28	14
Cheltenham	13	4	1	8	16	46	9
South Dandenong	12	2	3	7	26	33	7
Army Apprentices	9	2	0	7	13	45	4
Frognall United	14	0	0	14	14	95	0

Reserve Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Chadstone	13	11	2	0	35	6	24
North Sunshine	13	9	0	4	15	7	18
East Carlton	13	8	1	4	12	3	17
Frankston Pines	13	7	1	5	29	26	15
Langwarrin	12	6	2	4	17	16	14
Fawkner	13	7	0	6	14	24	14
Carlton	14	4	1	9	12	7	9
South Dandenong	12	4	0	8	8	34	8
Army Apprentices	11	4	0	7	4	23	8
Pascoe Vale	14	0	1	13	1	1	1

THIRDS COMPETITION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Dandenong City	14	13	0	1	67	11	26
Waverley	13	10	2	1	52	19	22
Hakoah	14	9	1	4	42	39	19
Ringwood United	13	8	1	4	38	17	17
Croydon	14	8	1	5	23	30	17
Clayton	14	6	2	6	40	39	14
Springvale	13	7	0	6	34	37	14
Frankston	14	6	1	7	51	64	13
Mooroolbark	13	5	0	8	33	46	10
Doncaster Rovers	14	2	1	11	7	45	5
University of Melb.	14	1	2	11	17	51	4
Brighton	14	1	1	12	15	21	3

FIXTURES

STATE LEAGUE — Saturday, 2nd August

POLONIA v. LIONS. Referee: Verniers. Ground: M'nong
MELBOURNE v. WILHELMINA. Referee: Stafrace. Ground: St.K.C.G.
SLAVIA v. CROATIA. Referee: Wootten. Ground: Pt. Mel.

STATE LEAGUE — Sunday, 3rd August

HAKOAH v. HELLAS. Referee: Greenwood. Ground: Midd. Pk.
JUVENTUS v. J.U.S.T. Referee: Finnegan. Ground: Ol. Pk.
BOX HILL v. GEORGE CROSS. Referee: Contini. Ground: Box Hill.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE — Saturday, 2nd August

DIVISION ONE

COBURG v. ST. ALBANS
RINGWOOD v. SUNSHINE CITY
KEILOR CITY v. DANDENONG
ALTONA v. ELWOOD AUST.
PRES. MAKEDONIA v. SPRINGVALE
ALEXANDER v. TRIESTINA

DIVISION TWO

FERNTREE GULLY v. G.G. AJAX
RICHMOND v. BRUNSWICK ATH.
MORELAND v. FRANKSTON
ALBION R. v. SANDRINGHAM
PRAHRAN v. WAVERLEY
YALLOURN v. PARK RANGERS

DIVISION THREE

BRIGHTON v. CLAYTON
HEIDELBERG v. BALLARAT
CROYDON v. CHELSEA
BAYSWATER v. PRINCES PARK
GLENROY v. ST. KILDA
UNIV. MELB v. E. MELB. HELV.

DIVISION FOUR

DONCASTER v. MONASH UNIV.
NEWPORT v. CORIO
MOORABBIN v. ELTHAM
WESTERN SUBURBS v. N. CARLTON
MORNINGTON v. ROSEBUD
STH. YARRA v. MOOROOLBARK

METROPOLITAN THIRDS COMP. — Sunday, 3rd August

RINGWOOD UTD. v. WAVERLEY
CROYDON v. HAKOAH
SPRINGVALE v. CLAYTON
FRANKSTON v. MOOROOLBARK

DISTRICT LEAGUE — Sunday, 3rd August

EASTERN DIVISION

LANGWARRIN v. OAKLEIGH
STH. DANDENONG v. CHADSTONE
NORTHCOTE v. FROGNALL
FRANKSTON PINES v. HAWKESBURN

CENTRAL DIVISION

ANSTEY v. FITZROY
REGENT v. MIDDLE PARK
FAWKNER v. ELSTERNWICK
KEON PARK v. WEST PRESTON

WESTERN DIVISION

NTH. SUNSHINE v. NTH. ALTONA
PASCOE VALE v. MELTON
GARDEN CITY v. CARLTON
KINGSVILLE v. YARRAVILLE

RESERVE DIVISION (1 p.m.)

ARMY APPRENT. v. NTH. SUNSHINE
STH. DANDENONG v. CHADSTONE

N.E.S.L. — Sunday, 3rd August

KING VALLEY v. ALBURY
WODONGA v. COBRAM
SHEPPARTON v. MYRTLEFORD
SEYMOUR v. WHOROULY
MILAWA v. BENALLA
DENILIQUIN v. WANGARATTA

RESULTS

GEELONG-BALLARAT

First Division results: Wendouree 2 v. Indesco 1; Belmont 2 v. Mt. Clear 7; Bell Park 3 v. North Geelong 0; Hamlyn Rangers 2 v. Geelong 1 (friendly).

Second Division: Wendouree 3 v. Brintons 2; Belmont 1 v. Mt. Clear 6; Bell Park 5 v. North Geelong 0; Hamlyn Rangers 3 v. Langi Kal Kal 0, Sun.; Hamlyn Rangers 3 v. Geelong 3, Sat. (friendly).

GEELONG LITTLE SOCCER LEAGUE

Newcomb United 3 v. Bell Post Hill 1; Red Devils 3 v. Newcomb Wanderers 2; Barwon Tigers 8 v. Mighty Midgets 0; Norlane T-birds 1 v. Herne Hill 1.

LEAGUE GAME:

Note: June 29 — Geelong City 9 v. Indesco 2. Game and points awarded to Indesco, Geelong City ineligible player.

CUP GAME, JUNE 21

Geelong 3 v. Wendouree 2. Game awarded to Wendouree. Geelong City played ineligible player.

LATROBE VALLEY

Fixtures, results and league ladders for week ending July 12, 1969

SENIORS

Monash 2, Rangers 0; Falcons 0, Pegasus 2; Fortuna 4, Warragul 1; Traralgon 0, Newborough 4; Moe, bye.

RESERVES

Monash 1, Rangers 0; Falcons 3, Pegasus 2; Fortuna 4, Warragul 1; Traralgon 0, Newborough 3, Moe, bye.

SENIORS

N'borough	11	9	1	1	49	9	19
Pegasus	11	7	1	3	33	15	15
Moe	10	6	1	3	28	24	13
Traralgon	11	6	1	4	41	31	13
Fortuna	10	5	0	5	29	31	10
Monash	11	4	1	6	24	24	9
Falcons	10	3	2	5	12	22	8
Warragul	11	2	1	8	18	51	5
Rangers	11	1	2	8	12	38	4

RESERVES

N'borough	11	10	1	0	67	6	21
Monash	11	9	1	1	32	15	19
Fortuna	10	8	0	2	47	17	16
Traralgon	11	5	0	6	30	33	10
Pegasus	11	4	0	7	28	34	8
Warragul	11	3	0	8	24	40	6
Rangers	11	3	0	8	21	36	6
Moe	10	2	1	7	17	37	5
Falcons	10	2	1	7	11	58	5

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Division One

Sunshine City v. Alexander 0-3 (res. Sunshine wo); Maribymong Triestina v. Preston Makedonia 0-3 (2-6); Springvale v. Altona City 2-2 (p-p); Elwood Austria v. Keilor City 0-2 (1-4); Coburg v. Dandenong City 1-2 (0-0); St. Albans v. Ringwood United 1-1 (1-5).

Division Two

Brunswick Athena v. Yallourn 2-6 (res. 2-0); Park Rangers v. Prahran City 2-4 (2-2); Waverley v. Albion Rovers 2-1 (1-1); Sandringham City v. Moreland Thistle 3-1 (2-2); Ferntree Gully v. Frankston City 0-1 (2-3); Green Gully Ajax v. Richmond 0-1 (4-1).

Division Three

Ballarat v. Uni. of Melb. 3-1 (res. 1-1); East Melb. Helvetic v. Glenroy 3-1 (1-6); St. Kilda v. Bayswater 4-0 (0-2); Princes Park Hercules v. Croydon 1-0 (3-2); Brighton v. Chelsea 3-0 (0-0); Clayton v. Heidelberg 1-1 (0-0).

Division Four

Corio v. South Yarra 5-3 (res. 2-0); Mooroolbark v. ICI 0-16 (0-5); North Carlton Olympic v. Moorabbin 3-1 (3-0); Doncaster Rovers v. Eltham 1-0 (8-2); Monash University v. Newport 2-1 (1-3).

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP

R.C. Wilh. v. JUST 4-3.

KNEE INJURY

JUVENTUS full - back Keith Lackey is nursing a bad knee injury suffered in the game with Croatia recently. He could be out for the rest of the season.

JIMMY AVOIDS NO. 8

Forward Jimmy Kerr, of Lancashire club, Bury, is such a talented youngster that manager Les Shannon can play him almost anywhere in the side. But not in any shirt!

For Jimmy has got one pet hate — playing with the number eight on his back. He avoids that one like the plague.

So manager Shannon, wherever possible, gives Kerr any shirt but the inside right's.

Says Jimmy: "It all stems back to when I was in the youth side. I always seemed to play disastrously when I wore the number eight shirt.

"Now it is psychological. I just don't like wearing it. I did wear it for the last game of the season, actually, but I didn't really want to.

"If I ever do wear it and I make a mistake early on in the game I think 'It's this blooming shirt again' ".

What would happen if Jimmy ever hit, say, a hat-trick when numbered for inside-right?

No doubt Les Shannon would then have the opposite problem on his hands!

Good chance

ENGLAND should be in with a good chance of holding on to the coveted World Cup when the finals of the current series are played in Mexico next year.

Manager Sir Alf Ramsey is much more confident now after the team's good showing on its recent Latin American tour.

What made him happy? None of the boys were affected by the thin air in Mexico.

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Tough boss keeps up pressure

Don Revie, the tough, no-nonsense manager who has lifted Leeds United to the top of the English soccer tree, will keep up the pressure on his championship players when the new season starts soon.

"I will go on making demands of the players, setting them new and harder targets", he says. "If you don't aim for the very top, you settle for second best".

"Whatever happens to us at Elland Road we will never willingly settle for anything less than the top".

Revie's relationship with his club is a very strong one. It enabled him to resist several big money offers made to him after Leeds had clinched last season's championship.

He was tipped to take over from Manchester United supremo Sir Matt Busby when the latter handed over the manager's reins at Old Trafford.

Then a reported $70,000-a-year offer from the Continent followed. But Revie stayed put with Leeds.

His reasons for doing so, explained in the usual down-to-earth Revie way, make sense.

"First of all" he says, "Leeds were the club that gave me my chance as a manager. That is something I will never forget.

"Secondly, my approach to this job has been to demand absolute loyalty from my staff and my players. They have given me that and the very least I can do in return is keep faith with them.

"But it has become much more than simple loyalty. I have worked to build this club up on family spirit, reducing the gaps between boardroom and dressing-room and compacting the club into one powerful repeating unit.

"In doing this I have become involved with the players and their families."

DOCKERTY TALKS ON THE GAP

Aston Villa boss Tommy Docherty believes the gap between the English first and second divisions is closing.

"The trouble is that some clubs who gain promotion spend money on new stands ... they should be making the team the top priority".

But manager Dave Russell, of third division Tranmere Rovers, comes up with an equally strong case in favor of ground improvements.

"When I first took over the Rovers managership", he said, "the fans asked if it would be possible to clear the broken down stand on one side of the ground.

"We did so and now we have a splendid cantilever stand. Yet one of the first reactions was from another fan, complaining that we were paying more attention to the ground than the team.

"Of course, we could have spent the money on players, but that stand was an eyesore. It depressed everyone.

"Now it is a pleasure to come to work and the players feel they belong to an organisation which is modern and progressive".

North Shields' R. Hall (left in centre) in a close tussle with Sutton United goalkeeper R. Roffey (right in centre) scores Shields' first goal which put them on equal terms with Sutton in the F.A. Amateur Cup Final at Wembley. Game finished in a 2-1 victory for Shields.

ROVERS GO FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

Blackburn Rovers manager Eddie Quigley has laid his guidelines for future additions to the playing staff.

"The type of players I am after will have to be in the 19-21 age group. Players who would have a possible 10 years with us".

That is why Quigley led the chase for 21-year-old Alex Lindsay, of Bury. The player eventually joined Liverpool for less than Rovers were prepared to pay.

Immediately, Quigley stepped in for full-back Frank Kopel, of Manchester United, another 20-year-old.

"Kopel, like Lindsay, could be with us for another 10 years. Kopel obviously has flaws, or Manchester United would not have released him.

"But who knows how he will shape in two years time?"

Quigley went on: "He may turn into the midfield player we want. When Liverpool signed Emlyn Hughes from Blackpool he was a full-back. Now he is an accomplished midfield player.

Even if you are forced to sell these players later on you will probably make a profit. But if you sign an established player of 26 or 27 you will get only around five years from your investment".

Quigley could be on the right track. Among big signing of youngsters last season were Allan Clarke ($353,000), Willie Morgan ($250,000), Alun Evans ($210,000), and Roger Morgan ($210,000).

MALTA GETS INVITATION

The European Football Association has invited Malta to play in an international youth tournament in Scotland next year.

Lolly Borg, former coach of Floriana in Malta's division one, is tipped to join Gzira United as coach next season.

Out of luck

AFTER 12 goal-less first-team appearances last season Bury's $60,000 signing, Alf Arrowsmith, was dropped from the centre-forward spot.

But manager Les Shannon has no long-term doubts about the lad's ability.

"His record proves that he can get goals."

TAFFY ON POOLS

With the lack of information from England on the results of the friendly games, as far as we know, there were only five draws on the coupons last Saturday. But no doubt there will be more to come.

However, Australian punters need have no fears because the pools pay overseas clients any winning immediately. Last Saturday, there were three Draws in the Victorian matches, and two in the South Australian games played on the coupons.

Here are the dividends, in sterling currency, for Saturday, July 19, when there were only seven draws.

LITTLEWOODS

Treble Chance Pool: 23 points £46,895/10/- for 1d; 22½ pts. £25,579; 22 pts. £375/3/-; 21½ pts. £102/2/-; 21 pts. £8/8/-; 10 correct 12/1.

Three Draws: 596/-.

VERNONS

Treble Chance Pool: 23 points £16,031 for a farthing; 22½ pts. £1,795/12/-; 22 pts. £46/16/-; 21½ pts. £12/12/-.

Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct £629 for 2d.; 11 correct £17/16/-; 10 correct £1/4/-.

Three Draws 632/-.

On Saturday week, August 9, is the opening of the British season. Don't forget the new system of scoring points in the Treble Chance Pool. This is:

- Three points for a "score draw". (1-1, 2-2, etc.)
- Two points for any no score match (0-0).
- One point for an Away win or a Home win.
- Two points for a void match.

Now we come back to the old format of the Pool system when we can try to win our total coupon stake money by selecting teams at Home.

The following should start off the new season where they finished last, and should win at home:

EIGHT OR NINE RESULTS

* Arsenal
* Leeds United
Manchester City
Wolverhampton
* Aston Villa
* Leicester City
* Fulham
* Luton Town
* Southport
* Notts County
Scunthorpe
* Celtic
* Dundee United
St. Johnstone

FOUR AWAYS

* Manchester United
Portsmouth
* Preston North End
Huddersfield Town
* Southend
* Rangers

THREE DRAWS

Westham v. Newcastle
Barnsley v. Bournemouth
Newport v. York City

And now for the big win in the new Treble Chance Pool. My selections are:

* Derby v. Burnley
Sunderland v. Coventry City
* Westham v. Newcastle United
Blackburn v. Swindon Town
* Carlisle v. Cardiff City
* Queens Park Rangers v. Hull City
* Barnsley v. Bournemouth
Brighton v. Walsall
Mansfield Town v. Gillingham
Reading v. Plymouth
* Tranmere Rovers v. Stockport
* Newport v. York City
Port Vale v. Peterborough
* Workington v. Grimsby Town

* Indicates best selections.

Until next week, happy punting — TAFFY.

A happy goalie

Over the years, many first and second division English clubs have wanted goalie John Simpson. But John has been happy to stay with third division Gillingham . . . for 12 years.

His contract with the club has another year to run. Then he will decide on the future.

He says: "I haven't any business interests, so I am keen to stay in the game.

John was born in the little market town of Appleby, Westmorland. He moved from Lancashire Combination club Netherfield (Kendal) to Lincoln City, who later sold him to Gillingham.

AUSTRALIAN RESULTS

SATURDAY

VIC. — State League: No matches.

DIV. 1: Sunshine C., Alexander 0-3; Triestina, Makedonia 0-3; Springvale, Altona 2-2; Austria, Keilor 0-2; Coburg, Dandenong 1-2; St. Albans, Ringwood 1-1.

DIV. 2: Athena (V), Yallourn 2-6; Pk. Rangers, Prahran 2-4; Waverley, Albion R. 2-1; Sunningham, Moreland 3-1; Ferntree, Frankston 0-1; Ajax, Richmond 0-1.

DIV. 3: Ballarat, [illegible] (V) 3-1; Helvetic, Olenrov 3-1; St. Kilda, Bayswater (V) 2-0; Hercules, Croydon [illegible]; Chelsea 3-0; Clayton, Heidelberg 1-1.

DIV. 4: Cortio, South Yarra 5-3; Mooroolbark, M[illegible] 5-0; Rosebud, ICI 0-16; Olympic (V), Moorabbin 3-1; Doncaster, Eltham 1-0; Monash, Newport 2-1.

NSW — Federation Div. 1: Hellenic, South Coast 0-3.

DIV. 2: Arlarmon, Manly 1-2; Nth Sydney, Granville 0-3.

NSW — North Div. 1: Adamstown, W. Wallsend 5-1; Cardiff, Weston 0-7.

DIV. 2: Mayfield, Whitebridge 6-0; RAAF, Jesmond 2-3.

SYDNEY — Inter-suburban Div. 1: Blacktown, Lidcombe 0-1; Belmore, Sth [illegible] 2-0; Marrickville, Wenty 1-0.

DIV. 2: Rovers (NSW), Arncliffe 0-1; NSW University, Yagoona 8-0; Penrith, bye.

SA — Div. 1: [illegible] Elizabeth 4-0; Polonia (SA), Eastern 6-1; Lion [illegible] Victoria 2-0; Juventus (SA), Hellas 2-1; Beograd, Budapest 5-0.

DIV. 2: Campbelltown, Sturt 3-3; Pt. Adelaide, Malta 2-2; Para Hills, Salisbury 0-1; Windsor, Cumberland 0-1; Wakefield, Birkalla 2-1.

DIV. 3: W. Torrens, WRE 1-4; University (SA), Sth Adelaide 0-1; Modbury, Graduates 1-0; [illegible] Flinders 9-0; Western (SA), Taperoo 2-5.

WA — State League: [illegible] (WA), Tricolore 0-0; Windmills, Olympic (WA) 0-1; [illegible] 2-0; Swan Ath., Swan Valley 1-5.

DIV. 2: Cockburn, Perth City 2-2; Melville, Maccabi 3-4; University (WA), Julia 1-0; Athena (WA), Medina 2-3; Caledonian, Bayswater 3-4.

DIV. 3: Dalmatinac, Sports 5-0; Scarboro, Sth Perth 2-3; Bassendean, Queen's Pk. 0-2; Victoria Pk., Croatia (WA) 0-9.

QLD. — Div. 1: Germania, St. Helens 2-3.

DIV. 2: South Coast (Q), Annerley 1-3; Budapest (Q), Easts 2-3.

DIV. 3: Redcliffe, Forrest 4-0.

TAS. — **South:** Metro, Olympia 1-3; S. Hobart, Juventus (T) 3-4; Eagles, Croatia (Gracovia) 3-3; Calies, Rapids 2-2.

North: Launceston R., Rovers (T) 1-1; Ulverstone, S. Launceston 3-0; Launceston U., Devonport 2-0; Spartans, Northern 1-2; Olympic (T), Georgetown 4-10.

Sunday

VIC. — **International:** Australia, Greece, 0-2.

NSW. — **North Div. 1:** Belmont, Hamilton 1-1; Newcastle, L. Macquarie 3-2; New Lambton, Wallsend 1-3; Cessnock, Toronto 0-1.

Div. 2: Central, Dudley 2-1; Charlestown, Maitland 1-2; W. Lakes, Merewether 1-3; Y. Wallsend, Stockton, 2-0.

NSW.—Federation Div. 1: Canterbury, Apia 1-0; Polonia, Melita 2-2.

Div. 2: Bankstown, N. Bankstown 3-2; Marconi, Western (NSW) 1-1; Sutherland, Hornsby 4-1; Balgownie, Corinthians 2-2.

SYDNEY.—Inter-Suburban Div. 1: Lane Cove, Thistle (NSW) 0-1; Guildford, Concordia 0-0; Riverside, East Side 5-3.

Div. 2: Auburn Jun., Ryde 1-2; Condell Pk., Enmore 0-3; Warringah, Granville 1-2.

QLD.—Div. 1: Thistle (Q), Hollandia 2-0; Coalstars, Hellenic (Q) 1-2; Oxley, Azzuri (Q) 0-8; Merton, Polonia (Q) 3-2.

Div. 2: Newmarket, Wynnum 0-5; Willowburn, Toowong 6-0; Mitchelton, GAP 7-0; Dnipro, La Trobe 0-2.

Div. 3: Redlands, Bardon 1-0.

SYDNEY TABLES

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
SOUTH COAST	13	2	2	41	10	28
ST GEORGE	10	4	4	44	15	24
HAKOAH	10	3	4	31	16	24
APIA	7	4	7	27	20	21
CANTERBURY	7	5	5	19	23	19
MELITA	6	6	5	24	20	17
CROATIA	6	7	4	26	21	16
PRAGUE	6	9	3	20	19	15
PAN HELLENIC	5	8	5	19	27	15
AUBURN	4	10	2	19	30	10
YUGAL	3	11	4	20	57	10
POLONIA	1	11	5	8	31	7

BRISBANE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
HOLLANDIA	13	7	2	4	42	16	18
HELLENIC	13	7	3	3	32	28	17
AZZURI	13	7	4	2	33	19	16
POLONIA	13	7	4	2	30	21	16
GRANGE-THISTLE	13	6	5	2	25	27	14
MERTON ROVERS	13	5	5	3	26	24	13
ST HELENS	13	3	4	6	23	22	12
COALSTARS	13	4	8	1	23	26	9
OXLEY	13	3	8	2	16	34	8
GERMANIA	13	3	9	1	13	36	7

ADELAIDE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
HELLAS	10	2	3	41	19	23
CROATIA	10	2	3	31	20	23
LION	10	4	2	36	19	22
JUVENTUS	9	6	1	39	23	19
VICTORIA	6	6	4	23	26	16
AZZURI	6	9	1	25	41	13
POLONIA	4	8	4	20	23	12
BUDAPEST	4	10	2	26	40	10
BEOGRAD	4	10	2	18	30	10
ELIZABETH	5	10	-	9	28	10

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